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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT: Special Operations Training

REFERENCE: Memorandum to DTR from DDP, dated 7 Apr. 1961, Subject: "Reduction in Length of the CTC."

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1. As an integral aspect of over-all training of Career Trainees, special operations training requirements must be clearly understood. This memorandum seeks to set forth those requirements.

2. It is not necessary to continue as a separate course the present Special Operations Course.

3. Some of the instruction in the present Special Operations Course can usefully be combined with much of the instruction in the present Operations Course in the process of creating one basic course for Career Trainees.

4. The instruction contained in the present Special Operations Course which should be retained is that instruction which bears upon the Agency's involvement in and responsibilities for special operations. (1) The concepts and philosophies of insurgency and counter-insurgency should be especially emphasized and particular stress should be put on the philosophy of pre-military counter-insurgency. (3) Training in depth in skills should be eliminated.

5. Our goal should be to produce a Career Trainee who, in addition to his understanding of CA-CI-EI, will:

a. Be well grounded in the basic concepts and philosophies concerning pre-military counter-insurgency with its heavy emphasis on the use of intelligence to prevent insurgency from developing full blown in an area.

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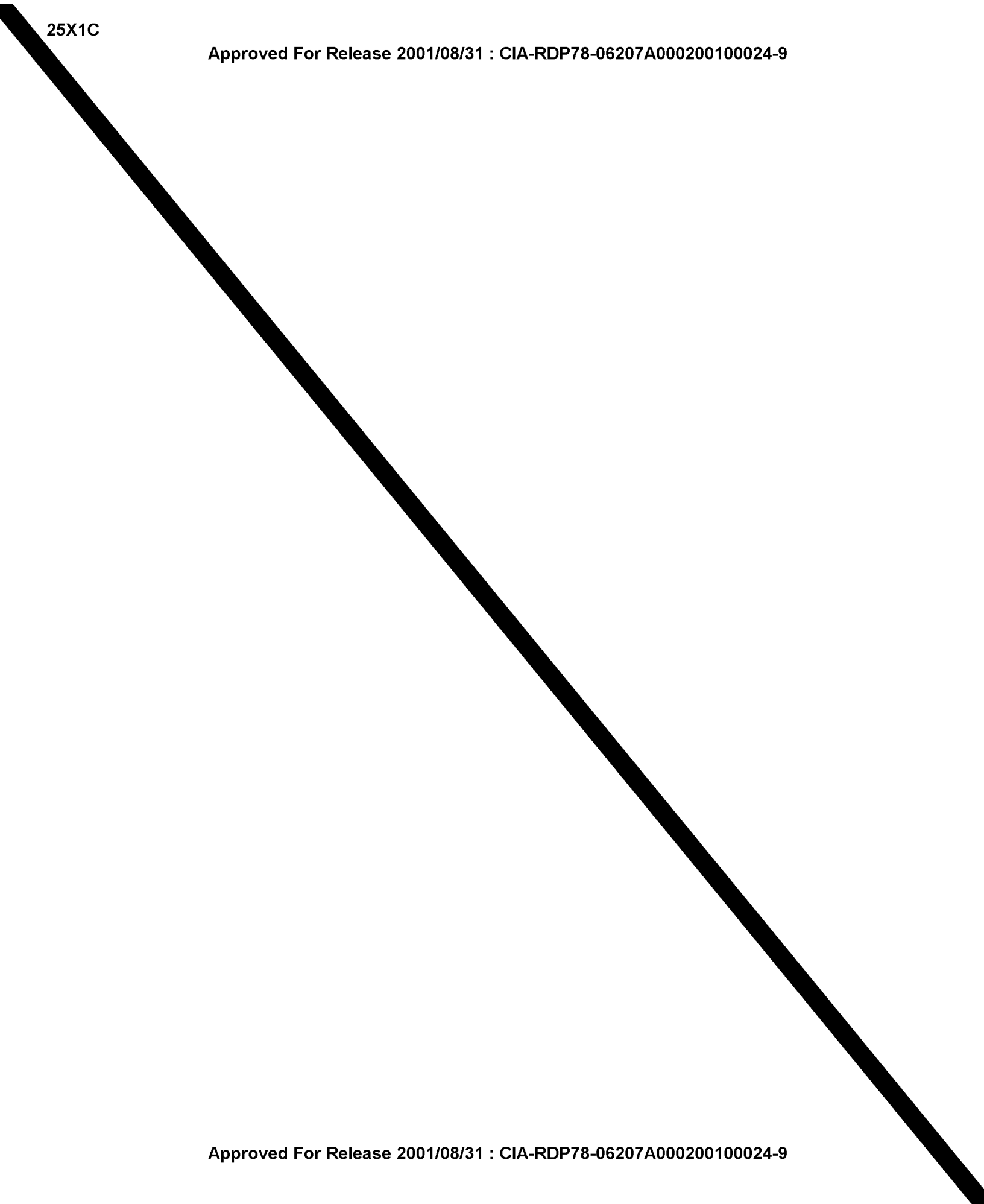

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8. I realize that Special Operations Course No. 13 starts in slightly more than two weeks. The changes in training required by this memorandum cannot, therefore, be fully reflected by the time of the 1 May opening of SOC 13 (although certain emphases of subjects within that course can be achieved, as previously discussed).

9. You may look to the Special Operations Division for continuing assistance in redesigning special operations training for Career Trainees, and, of course, to me.

(Signed) Desmond FitzGerald

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